

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 20-A: EDUCATION
Chapter 3: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

§257. HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DIPLOMAS

1. Issuance of diploma. The commissioner shall issue a high school equivalency diploma to a person who:

A. Is at least 18 years of age, if that person:

- (1) Has completed a formal training program approved by the commissioner; and
- (2) Has demonstrated, through procedures prescribed by the commissioner, attainment of a general educational development comparable to that of a secondary school graduate; or [1991, c. 662, §1 (RPR).]

B. Is 17 years of age, if that person:

- (1) Has not been in attendance for one year or more at a public school or a private school approved by the department pursuant to chapter 117, or has documented an immediate need for a high school equivalency diploma to the superintendent of schools for the school administrative unit in which that person resides, and has received written approval for the issuance of a high school equivalency diploma from the superintendent;
- (2) Has completed a formal training program approved by the commissioner; and
- (3) Has demonstrated, through procedures prescribed by the commissioner, attainment of a general educational development comparable to that of a secondary school graduate. [1991, c. 662, §1 (RPR).]

The commissioner shall issue a diploma authorized by this subsection upon compliance with the requirements of this subsection or as soon thereafter as possible.

[1991, c. 662, §1 (RPR) .]

2. Equivalency diploma status. High school equivalency diplomas have the legal status of high school diplomas.

[1991, c. 662, §1 (RPR) .]

3. Fees. A fee may not be charged for the issuance of any high school equivalency diploma to residents of the State.

[1991, c. 662, §1 (RPR) .]

4. Department of Education diploma.

[2013, c. 439, §1 (RP) .]

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